

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Division of Early Childhood Education Home and Shelter Visitor Programs

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education (OSSE/ECE) is responsible for coordinating early childhood education services for District of Columbia children and their families. The OSSE/ECE seeks assistance in providing the following home and shelter visitor programs to families who have limited access to services that would improve the health care and educational development of their children:

- **Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY).** The OSSE/ECE seeks grantees that will help parents provide educational enrichment for their preschool children at home in Wards 1, 5, 7, and 8, as well as parents and children living in homeless shelters in the District of Columbia.
- **Healthy Families America (HFA).** The OSSE/ECE seeks grantees that will provide expectant and new parents in Wards 1, 5, 7, and 8 of the District with the opportunity to receive the education and support they need at the time that their baby is born.
- **Bright Futures.** The OSSE/ECE seeks grantees that will improve the health, education, and well-being of infants, children, and their families in homeless shelters in the District of Columbia.
- **Other.** The OSSE/ECE seeks grantees that will improve outcomes for infants, children, and/or families living in Wards 1, 5, 7 and 8 by implementing other research-based home and shelter visitation programs with proven program outcomes and associated with a national organization or institution of higher education that has been in existence for at least three (3) years.

Anticipated Number of Awards: one (1) or more grantees to assist in meeting the needs of targeted families.

Available Funding for Awards: District of Columbia appropriated (local) funds in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) are available to support grants.

Eligibility Criteria: Organizations that can deliver one or more of the above home and shelter visitor programs to provide preventive as well as intervening health care and educational development services to families through home and shelter visitation programs. Applicants must be able to provide parents with the tools, skills, and confidence to prepare themselves for parenthood; improve the health, education, and well-being of their children; increase the educational readiness of three-, four-, and five-year-old children; and improve the likelihood of their success in school.

Important Dates: The Request for Applications (RFA) will be available on Thursday, July 29, 2010. Applications may be obtained from the Office of Partnerships and Grants Services website (www.opgs.dc.gov) at the District Grants Clearinghouse link. Applications may also be obtained from Ms. Sandra McIver, Grants Management Specialist for ECE, 717 14th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. Please call (202) 727-5045. The **deadline for application submission is September 10, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. DST.**

The Pre-Application Conference will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 717 14th Street, NW, 8th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC 20005. For preparation purposes, interested parties planning to attend the Pre-Application Conference are requested to RSVP to Ms. Sandra McIver at (202) 727-5045 or sandra.mciver@dc.gov.